

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-46 (cancelled)

47. (Currently amended) A garment ~~with a ventilating means,~~ comprising:

a main fastening device and a supplementary fastening device, wherein the main fastening device detachably joins mutually opposing garment edges of two garment pieces comprised of garment material and has two mutually opposing side stringers, each having a first longitudinal side provided with closing links and a second longitudinal side joined to an associated garment edge,

the second longitudinal side of at least one of the two side stringers of the main fastening device is joined to the associated garment edge via a ventilating material forming a ventilating means, so that the inner side of the garment is accessible to ventilating air even when the main fastening device is closed,

and wherein further the supplementary fastening device is designed as a covering strip, which is movable, in relation to the main fastening device, between a closed position, in which it covers at least part of the ventilating material, and an open position, in which it exposes at least part of the ventilating material.

48. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 wherein the covering strip is a one-piece design which completely covers the ventilating material in the closed position and, in the open position, completely exposes the ventilating material.

49. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 wherein the covering strip is a multi-piece design comprising individual strip parts which move independent of each other into a closed position to cover a part of the ventilating material, and move independent of each other into an open position to expose a part of the ventilating material, wherein the ventilating performance depends on how many of the strip parts are in the open position.
50. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 wherein the covering strip covers the ventilating material on the outer side of the garment.
51. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 wherein the ventilating material comprises an air-permeable textile fabric.
52. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 51 wherein the ventilating material comprises net or mesh-like material.
53. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 wherein the ventilating material has an air permeability value of at least 30 l/m²/s.
54. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 wherein the covering strip has a fixed covering strip side, which is fastened next to a first side of the main fastening device on an outer material of the garment, and a free covering strip side, so that the covering strip pivots about its fixed covering strip side between the open position and the closed position.
55. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 54 wherein the covering strip is substantially parallel to the main fastening device, and wherein the fixed covering strip side and the free covering strip

side are formed on the covering strip longitudinal side, and the fixed covering strip longitudinal side is fastened adjacent to a first longitudinal side of the main fastening device on the outer material of the garment.

- 56. (Cancelled)
- 57. (Cancelled)
- 58. (Currently amended) The garment of claim 47 wherein the main fastening device is selected from the group comprising a zipper fastener, a hook-and-loop fastener, a magnetic fastener and a press-stud fastener.
- 59. (Currently amended) The garment of claim 58 wherein the main fastening means is a zipper fastener, and wherein the side stringers of the main fastening means comprise two zipper fastener side stringers each having a first longitudinal side, provided with a row of closing links, and a second longitudinal side joined to an associated garment edge.
- 60. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 wherein the main fastening device is provided for the detachable fastening of a front opening of a garment in the form of a jacket or coat.
- 61. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 wherein the main fastening device is provided for the detachable joining of two garment pieces which can be placed against each other.
- 62. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 further comprising an intermediate strip which extends parallel to the covering strip and, in a closed state, is located between the main fastening device

and the covering strip and, in an open state, exposes at least part of the ventilating material.

63. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 62 wherein the intermediate strip is a one-piece design and, in the open position, completely exposes the ventilating material.
64. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 62, wherein the intermediate strip is a multi-piece design and the individual strip parts move independent of each other into an open position, in which they each expose an assigned part of the ventilating material.
65. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 64, wherein the intermediate strip is waterproof.
66. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 62, wherein the intermediate strip has a fixed intermediate strip side, which is fastened in a waterproof manner on the outer material of the garment on a second side of the main fastening device, lying on the opposite side of the first side of the main fastening device, and a free intermediate strip side, the intermediate strip being adapted to pivot about its fixed intermediate strip side.
67. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 62, wherein the intermediate strip runs substantially parallel to the main fastening means, and comprises a fixed intermediate strip side and a free intermediate strip side which are each formed by an intermediate strip longitudinal side, and the fixed intermediate strip side is fastened next to a second longitudinal side of the main fastening device on the outer material of the garment.

68. (Currently amended) The garment of claim 47 wherein the covering strip comprises a covering strip inner part, a covering strip outer part and a covering strip end region located in the region of the ~~fixed strip side~~ main fastening device.
69. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 62 wherein the intermediate strip has an intermediate strip inner part, an intermediate strip outer part and an intermediate strip end region, which is located in the region of the fixed strip side.
70. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 68 wherein the covering strip outer part and the covering strip inner part each comprise a textile fabric, and wherein the textile fabrics are joined to each other on a free covering strip side by a first covering strip seam and in the region of the fixed covering strip side by a second strip seam.
71. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 69 wherein the intermediate strip outer part and the intermediate strip inner part each comprise a textile fabric, and wherein the textile fabrics are joined to each other on an intermediate free strip side by a first intermediate strip seam and in the region of the fixed strip side by a second intermediate strip seam.
72. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 70 wherein the second covering strip seam is waterproof.
73. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 71 wherein the second intermediate strip seam is waterproof.
74. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 68 wherein the covering strip has a covering strip intermediate part, which is arranged between the covering strip inner part and the covering

strip outer part and has a first covering strip intermediate part end, which is fastened by means of a covering strip intermediate part seam on the covering strip inner part, and a second covering strip intermediate part end, which is fastened by means of the second covering strip seam on the covering strip outer part.

75. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 69 wherein the intermediate strip has a strip intermediate part, which is arranged between the intermediate strip inner part and the intermediate strip outer part and has a first strip intermediate part end, which is fastened by means of an intermediate strip intermediate part seam on the intermediate strip inner part, and a second intermediate strip intermediate part end, which is fastened by means of the second intermediate strip seam on the intermediate strip outer part.
76. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 74 wherein the intermediate strip intermediate part comprises a waterproof functional layer.
77. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 75 wherein the intermediate strip intermediate part comprises a waterproof functional layer.
78. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 57 wherein the functional layer is waterproof and water-vapor-permeable.
79. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 78 wherein the functional layer comprises a layer of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene.
80. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 74 wherein the covering strip intermediate part seam is a waterproof adhesive seam.

81. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 75 wherein the intermediate strip intermediate part seam is a waterproof adhesive seam.
82. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 74 wherein the covering strip intermediate part seam is a sewn seam sealed by a waterproof seam sealing tape.
83. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 75 wherein the intermediate strip intermediate part seam is a sewn seam sealed by a waterproof seam sealing tape.
84. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 70 wherein the second covering strip seam is a sewn seam sealed by a waterproof seam sealing tape.
85. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 71 wherein the second intermediate strip seam is a sewn seam sealed by a waterproof seam sealing.
86. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 further comprising a ventilation restricting means which is arranged parallel to the ventilating material and which moves selectively into either a restricting position to cover at least a partial region of the ventilating material thereby restricting the ventilating performance of the ventilating material, or a release position, to expose the ventilating material.
87. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 86 wherein the ventilation restricting means comprises a restricting strip arranged between the ventilating material and the covering strip and wherein the restricting strip moves in relation to the ventilating material

between a closed position, in which it covers at least part of the ventilating material, and an open position, in which it exposes at least part of the ventilating material, the restricting strip being made up of a ventilation restricting material which has an air permeability value which is lower than the air permeability value of the ventilating material.

88. (Currently amended) The garment of claim 86 wherein the ventilation restricting means comprises a restricting strip which is arranged ~~between the~~ in a ventilating material and the intermediate strip, wherein the restricting strip moves in relation to the ventilating material between a closed position, in which it covers at least part of the ventilating material, and an open position, in which it exposes at least part of the ventilating material, the restricting strip comprises a ventilation restricting material which has an air permeability value which is lower than the air permeability value of the ventilating material.
89. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 87 wherein the ventilation restricting material has a minimum air permeability value in the range from approximately 30 l/m²/s to 40 l/m²/s.
90. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 88 wherein the ventilation restricting material has a minimum air permeability value in the range from approximately 30 l/m²/s to 40 l/m²/s.
91. (Previously presented) The garment of claim 47 wherein the ventilating means additionally has at least one device selected from the group comprising a pocket, a main fastening means and light-reflecting means.
92. (Currently amended) A garment module comprising two module side edges which are joined to two mutually opposing edges of

two garment pieces made up of garment material, wherein the garment module has a main fastening device with two mutually opposing fastening sides which can be joined to each other in a detachable way and which each have a first longitudinal side provided with closing links and a second longitudinal side; and wherein further the second longitudinal side of at least one of the two side stringers of the main fastening device has attached thereto a ventilating material forming a ventilating means, by means of which the module is permeable to ventilating air even when the main fastening device is closed; and wherein yet further the module has arranged thereon a supplementary fastening device in the form of a covering strip, which moves in relation to the main fastening device between a closed position, in which it covers at least part of the ventilating material, and an open position, in which it exposes at least part of the ventilating material.

93. (Previously presented) The module of claim 92 further comprising an intermediate strip which is joined to the main fastening device, the ventilating material and the covering strip.
94. (Previously presented) The module of claim 92, further comprising a ventilation restricting means, which is joined to the main fastening device, the ventilating material and the covering strip.
95. (Previously presented) The module of claim 92, further comprising a ventilation restricting means, which is joined to the main fastening device, the ventilating material, the covering strip and the intermediate strip.
96. (Currently amended) The module of claim 92 wherein the main fastening device is a zipper fastener, and wherein the side stringers of the main fastening means are formed by two zipper fastener side stringers, and wherein further the ventilating

material is attached on the second longitudinal side of at least one of the two side stringers.